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**COMMENT SOUGHT ON QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC**  
**EMERGENCY APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF THE**  
**BLUEGRASS TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. TARIFF**

**WC Docket No. 10-227**

**COMMENTS DUE: December 6, 2010**

**REPLY COMMENTS DUE: December 16, 2010**

On October 14, 2010, the Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) released a public notice, which denied petitions to suspend or investigate tariff revisions that had been filed by Bluegrass Telephone Company, Inc. (Bluegrass) and those tariff revisions were allowed to become effective.<sup>1</sup> On November 8, 2010, Qwest Communications Company, LLC (Qwest) filed an application for review of the *Bureau Order*.<sup>2</sup> On November 15, 2010, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed an application for review of the *Bureau Order*.<sup>3</sup> In its application, Qwest “requests an emergency grant of this Application because of the irreparable harm caused by the *Bureau [Order]*, which permitted Bluegrass to claim that the Tariff attained ‘deemed lawful’ status pursuant to Section 204(a)(3) of the Act.”<sup>4</sup> Qwest also argues that the “*Bureau [Order]* did not adequately explain the Bureau’s reasons for denying the *Qwest Petition*.”<sup>5</sup> Qwest “requests the Commission rule that the Bluegrass Tariff is not, in fact, ‘deemed lawful’ because it is essentially identical to a preceding effective tariff filing that did not qualify as a ‘deemed lawful’ tariff.”<sup>6</sup> Sprint argues that the “Bureau committed reversible error in failing to grant the petitions to reject or suspend and investigate filed by Sprint and Qwest, or at least explain why the challenged tariffs would be eligible for deemed lawful status . . . .”<sup>7</sup>

Interested parties may file comments on the Qwest Application and/or the Sprint Application on

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<sup>1</sup> See Protested Tariff Transmittals Action Taken, WCB/Pricing File No 10-10, Public Notice, DA 10-1970 (rel. Oct. 14, 2010) (*Bureau Order*).

<sup>2</sup> Qwest Communications Company, LLC, Application for Review, WC Docket No. 10-227, (filed Nov. 8, 2010) (Qwest Application).

<sup>3</sup> Sprint Communications Company L.P., Application for Review, WC Docket No. 10-227, (filed Nov. 15, 2010) (Sprint Application).

<sup>4</sup> Qwest Application at 9.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 12.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>7</sup> Sprint Application at 5.

or before **December 6, 2010** and reply comments on or before **December 16, 2010**. Filings in this proceeding should be filed in **WC Docket No. 10-227**.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two courtesy copies must be delivered to Pamela Arluk, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A131, Washington, DC 20554 or via e-mail at [pamela.arluk@fcc.gov](mailto:pamela.arluk@fcc.gov). One copy must also be sent to Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street SW, Suite CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-488-5300, facsimile 202-488-5563, or via e-mail at [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

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  - For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov) and include the following words in the body of the message: get form <your email address>. A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
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This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of the petition for preemption. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>8</sup> Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.<sup>9</sup> Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>10</sup>

For further information, contact Pamela Arluk of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at [pamela.arluk@fcc.gov](mailto:pamela.arluk@fcc.gov).

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<sup>8</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

<sup>9</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

<sup>10</sup> See *id.*